

Present -
Miss Maret
Miss Ames
Mrs Falcomt
Mr Berry

May 1 1974
Mrs Oaks Chm
Mrs Hammond
Mrs Dawns
Mrs Exon

This meeting was called to discuss immediate plans for Occanee County Library Board.

The Bagach Librarian changed the schedule of "Open House, 3 days each week" at her choice, $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours each day totalling $11\frac{1}{2}$ hours, at same salary. Group approved tentative plans for help for Mrs Burgess if she ~~seeks~~ needs and desires it.

Woman's Club of Friendship Chapel and Woman's Club of Watkinsville desire to help with Library Project. Meeting will be at Walton E. M.C.

Wed May 8 - 10 to 10:30 AM. Plans will be discussed involving expansion of Library and means of financing it.

Need for possible storage

of books as a temporary
solution to crowded conditions
of Library was discussed - No
definite plans were made
Meeting adjourned -

Approved May 29 - 1974
Mrs A. K. Saxon
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The Deance Library Board met at 9:30 AM. with other groups invited to send representatives to discuss tentative plans for building a ~~new~~ new home for the Library. Present - Virginia Wells, Miriam Rice Board Member, Mrs. Wallick Watkinsville Woman's Club, Patty Loy Friendship Chapel Woman's Club, Rena Phillips, Janette Barrows - Watkinsville Woman's Club. Elizabeth A. Saxon Board Member and Central Woman's Club. Mrs. Barrows also represented Janettes. Mrs. Willie Lake Board Member Mrs. Miriam Hawn's Board Member Mrs. Sam Crawford, Flat Rock Home Ec Club. Hallie Norville represented Flat Rock also. Also present were Mr. Ray Berry Commissioner and from Athens Regional Library were Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Mark.

Miss Mark and Mrs. Lake reported that Carlton Shapton, Head of Library Services of Public

Libraries had studied along with Mrs Davone, Mr Berg Miss Maret the probable solutions to Walkersville's over crowded Library facilities. The present Library and nearby space was declared unsuitable. "Building did not lend itself to remodeling."

Buildings visited at the old High School were visited and ruled inadequate. Finally Mr Shaxton and Committee found a desirable site on Highway 53, - in front of the State Highway Equipment lot. Lot is County owned and a deed was needed.

Mr Shaxton suggests an immediate request or application be made for State funds. \$15000.00 was suggested as a possible investment in

the buildings and equipment - the local people will raise \$7500 to match state funds of same amount. A deed must be secured from the Board of Commissioners and plans must be made to organize and collect needed funds.

Tentative plans were made for fund raising - Among these soliciting from door to door, Memorial gifts - Library patrons (ones who give \$1000 or an amount agreed upon) talks to dinner clubs using slides - Interest was high Mrs Oaks resigned as Chairman and will present Mrs Joys name to by letter to the Board of Commissioners for approval - ~~Mrs Joys name~~ ^{as a member of the} ~~Mrs Joys name~~ ^{Reading Board} and to serve as the Chairman -

Plans for obtaining the title to the proposed site and starting on the the collection of \$7500 for the 8200 sq foot dream Library were upper most in every ones mind as we adjourned -

Approved Aug 8 1974

Aug 8 1974
Library
Friendship Chapel

Mrs Joy Alm presided over the Oconee County Library meeting - Seventy Three were present, among these 10 board members. Mrs Dawns and Mrs Hammond were absent.

Minutes were read and approved.

The following motion was read by Mrs Duke, seconded by Mrs Saxon -

I move that Oconee County Library Board approve the formation of the Walkeinsville Library Building Committee for the purpose of handling all matters pertaining to the construction of the new Walkeinsville Library. This Committee will be authorized to proceed with a fund raising Campaign for the Library. There was no discussion - Motion passed.

Mr Bowers of the Oconee State Bank will serve as treasurer.

Miss Lila ~~Mc~~ Rice of the State
Library Board of ^{Public Library} Services ^{Miss}
Rice in an informal discussion
suggested Plans be made in
steps - 1 - Site chosen, 2. Some
one who is familiar with Library
services must be ^{to make plans} chosen, 3. What
do we need? and ~~step~~ 3. plan
must be drawn for "spaces
for users" - and approved by
Board - 4. Turn it over to
the architect. She reminded
us that Walkinsville Library
is under the Athens Regional
Library and as such will meet
requirements needed to request
the grant from the State.
Suggestions for fund raising
and other helpful hints
were discussed. We were
reminded of 2070 of funds
coming from Profit Sharing
or Federal Funds - Federal
labor laws will have to

be reckoned with.

Miss Rice complimented the group on their enthusiasm and assured us of all help she could give.

We were told 6 months is the time limit for beginning the construction after approval of the board, and that state funds or grant is paid in installments as you spend your local funds. Money must be available in cash when you start construction. 70% of the money must be advanced in the construction of the building, leaving 30% for architects fees, etc.

Meeting adjourned to meet Thursday night 7:30 P.M. Aug 15.

Respectfully submitted
Wm A R Saxon
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Meeting Thurs P.M. was held -

How to raise Money Aug 29
1974

18 present-

Mrs Macet, Mrs Ames,
Mrs Harris, Mrs Holcomb,
Mrs Saxon - Mrs Drey - Presiding
Mrs Oaks and Mrs Downes -
Miss Rice.

Sept. Publicity Month - Contact
your club in the most effective
manner - Talk to every one about
library - Use fact sheet for information

Mr Brannon suggested
possibly a grant might be
available to Library for
Bicentennial - ~~Investigations~~
There will be research on
this and other fund possibilities
~~Dec 1 is dead line to~~
raise.

~~Fund~~ Dec 1 is set as
the date to ~~have~~ have funds
in hand - ~~Starting~~ leaving
Oct and November will
be fund raising - Each
person interested is
left to his own money

August 29, 1974

The following appointments were made by the chair:

Cookbook Committee: Mrs. Mell Wells

Public Relations &

Sell-a-Brick : Mrs. Kate McDaniel

Major Donors: Mrs. Hussy Downs & Mrs. Grady Oaks

Business Division: Mrs. Anne Rowan

1974 Festival: Mrs. Ben Chappell

The Board voted to call the new building, the Oconee County Library, because it will be the county headquarters.

July 17, 1974

July 31, 1974

August 15, 1974

Three Orientation meetings were held in the summer of 1974 for the purpose of making plans to raise the funds for the new library and to develop enthusiasm in the county for the project.

On July 17, 1974, nine women met for a morning coffee at the home of Mrs. J.S. Ivy, Jr.

On July 31, 1974, five women met for a morning coffee at the home of Mrs. J. S. Ivy, Jr.

On August 15, 1974, nine men and women met at 8 pm at the Friendship Presbyterian Church.

Suggestions and ideas from these three meetings were presented to the Library Board at the August 29, 1974 meeting.

OCONEE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
WATKINSVILLE, GEORGIA
SEPTEMBER 19, 1974

City of Watkinsville
Watkinsville, Georgia

Dear Mayor Lord,

The Oconee County Library Board wishes to express our gratitude to you and the Council for the City of Watkinsville's yearly support of the Library. As you know, we are looking forward to the construction of a new library in Watkinsville that will be a credit to the city and the county. The Library Board and Committee are actively working to raise \$55,000. needed to match the funds already available in order to build \$150,000. facility. We have been thrilled by the enthusiastic response of the citizens of the county. The Watkinsville Garden Club and the Band Boosters Club were the first organizations to donate to the fund. Mr. Robert Nicholson with his wonderful "challenge" gift of \$1,000. was the first individual. We feel that we are well on the way to make the new building a reality.

With your permission, I would like to attend the October meeting of Council to present the cause of the Library. We are particularly looking forward to the Oconee Centennial Festival on October 26, 1974, on the Courthouse Square. This will be a great day in the life of Watkinsville and the County.

If it is possible, it would be nice if the Council could pass a resolution proclaiming the week of October 20 - 26 as Library Week.

Thank you again for your interest in the Library.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. Swanton Ivy, Jr.
Chairman, Oconee Library Board

OCONEE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
WATKINSVILLE, GEORGIA
SEPTEMBER 19, 1974

Mr. Roy Berry, Chairman
Oconee County Board of Commissioners
Watkinsville, Georgia

Dear Mr. Berry,

The Oconee County Library Board wishes to express our gratitude to you and the Board of Commissioners for your support of the Library. Certainly, the Board's grant of \$20,000. and the site on Highway 53 enabled the Library Board to begin the drive for the remaining \$55,000. We have been thrilled by the enthusiastic response of the citizens of Oconee County. The Watkinsville Garden Club and the Band Boosters were the first organizations to donate to the fund. Mr. Robert Nicholson with his wonderful "challenge" gift of \$1,000. was the first individual. We feel that we are well on the way to make the new building a reality.

The Library Board greatly appreciates your giving us permission to hold the Oconee Centennial Festival on the Courthouse Square. With all proceeds going to the library, October 26, 1974, promises to be a great day in the life of the county. It is so nice that a benefit for the library will be the beginning event for the celebration of our Centennial year. What better way to mark our Centennial year than to build a library for the future.

Thank you again for your personal assistance to the Library.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. Swanton Ivy, Jr.
Chairman, Oconee Library Board

On October 7, 1974, the Oconee County Library Board Committee met at 9:30 a.m. at Walton Electric Membership Corporation. The purpose of the meeting was to officially begin the fund-raising campaign for the new Oconee County Library. A quorum was present.

Mrs. Ivy introduced Dr. Dallas Tarkenton, Vice-President of Athens Academy, who spoke to the group on fund-raising. Next, Mrs. Ivy called for progress reports from the chairmen of the various projects of the Oconee County Library Committee:

- (1) Oconee County Centennial Cookbook. Mrs. Mell Wells, chairman, reported that the books were at the printer and would be on sale at the Festival.
- (2) Map. Julie Vorpahl and Jean Holcomb are investigating different firms that make maps.
- (3) Sell-a-Brick. Mrs. Kate McDaniel, chairman, reported that the Joyce Beckwith Elementary, Myla Bennett Intermediate and Kay Shephard High School will be in charge of the sale of bricks at the schools.
- (4) Public Relations. Kate McDaniel, chairman, displayed a brochure and packet of information being mailed to individuals and businesses this week.
- (5) Oconee County Festival, October 26, 1975. Anne Chapell, chairman, and Jeannette Bowers reported on plans.
- (6) Major Gifts. Mrs. Oaks and Mrs. Downs reported that personal calls would be made. The Remembrance Book in which the names of donors would be recorded was displayed. It will be placed in the new library.
- (7) Business. Anne Rowan, chairman, announced plans to contact all businesses in Oconee County and many in Athens. They distributed folders of information to those present and assigned businesses to visit. She asked that all businesses be contacted in October, if possible.

The Oconee County Library Board and Committee met on November 14, 1974, at 10 a.m. at Friendship Presbyterian Church. A quorum was present. Mrs. J.S. Ivy, Jr., chairman, presided.

Reports were heard from the Festival on October 26, 1974 (partial report attached); cookbooks; Oconee in Profile sketches drawn by Kate McDaniel; business and major gift (memorials) division which reported that visits were made in October and are still being made; and the Sell-a-Brick Campaign.

Mrs. Ivy thanked all who had worked so hard on these projects.

Under new business, a county street map was discussed and approved as a money-making project with Julie Vorpahl and Jean Holcomb in charge. It was decided to have a rummage sale in December, 1974, at Bethel Baptist Church with Mrs. Ivy and Mrs. Lizzie Jewell in charge. The leftovers of Festival would be sold and everyone asked to donate clothes. It was decided to have special publicity campaign for the Oconee County Centennial Cookbook and Oconee in Profile sketches to promote purchase for Christmas gifts. It was decided that the Library Committee would sponsor a float in the Christmas parades of Watkinsville and Bogart for publicity.

After discussion on how to encourage every family in the county to contribute to the Library Fund in order to reach our goal of \$55,000,000, the Board voted to sponsor a Neighborhood Appeal campaign for the weekend of December 6-7-8, 1974. Mrs. Wendell Dawson will divide the county into 75 areas or neighborhoods, and Mrs. Ivy will secure workers for each area and provide materials for workers.

Next meeting was set for January 29, 1975.

OCONEE COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE
WATKINSVILLE, GEORGIA
September 10, 1974

The Oconee County Library Committee is offering to you in Oconee County an opportunity to engage in the first county-wide effort to invest in a much needed new library. The enclosed information on the library clearly shows two facts. On the positive side, the high circulation per capita (5.9 books per year) shows the value our citizens place on our library. It is being used and needed. However, the building is extremely inadequate and a handicap to the program. A library is much more than just books-- it is a complete program of services through books, records, filmstrips, reading hours and many others that appeal to all age groups whether you are a senior citizen, business person, teacher, parent or just a proud citizen who has an intense interest in the cultural assets of our county.

Based on the population of the county and its rapid growth pattern, the state recommends a building of 5,000 to 8,000 sq. ft. The County Board of Commissioners has given the library acreage on Highway 53 and \$20,000. The estimated cost of the building and furnishings is \$150,000, with the state giving the county \$75,000 of the cost on a matching basis. So with two-thirds of the cost assured , the Library Committee is making a concentrated effort to acquire the remaining one-third, \$55,000, in order that Oconee County can have a beautiful, adequate library for its citizens. We are asking every organization in the county to help us in this most worthy project. Our activities are described in the enclosed newsletter.

An investment in the future of our county through participation in the construction of the new Oconee Library is a perfect way to observe our Centennial.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. Swanton Ivy, Jr, Chm., Library Committee